THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As per the information provided by Delhi Police and Transport Department, Government of NCT of Delhi, no such directions were issued.

(c) No such data is available to substantiate that 40 per cent of the vehicles, which ply in Delhi are from neighbouring states.

(d) Does not arise.

Inadequate Medical facilities to security forces on IB

†2073. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the medical facilities being provided to the security forces deployed for protecting the borders of the country is being inadequate;

(b) whether it is also a fact that non-availability of such a facility to the personnel of the security forces particularly that of the Border Security Force (BSF) is causing a lot of resentment among them; and

(c) if not, the details of the medical facilities being provided to the personnel of the BSF deployed at the remote and far flung border-areas like that of Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Medical facilities have been provided to the Border Guarding Forces (BGFs) as per the authorisation which is reviewed from time to time. All BSF battalions deployed on the International Border (IB), including those in Tripura, are having 10-bedded unit hospitals with adequate medical facilities alongwith an ambulance. A 50-bedded Composite Hospital is functioning at Agartala, that has a specialized Malaria Cell in view of its high incidence. All Border Out Posts (BOPs) in Tripura are sufficiently equipped with emergency medicines to diagnose, and provide first aid, in PF Malaria cases by use of Rapid Diagnostic Kits (RDK). Any case reported with high fever and suspected to be malaria is evacuated to the unit hospital at Battalion Headquarter for further treatment and management. The Unit medical officers posted in the BSF units are also visiting BOPs regularly.

Framing law or rules for protection of witnesses

2074. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 37 per cent people fear for severe harassment in going to witness box in courts with the result that the guilty/criminals are not being punished and are set free;

(b) whether Government proposes to frame any law or rules for protection of witnesses;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.